



*Cover: The F-35B, the short take-off and landing version of the Joint Strike Fighter, flies above NAS Patuxent River. The aircraft made its first supersonic flight in June 2010. (Lockheed Martin photo by Andy Wolfe)*

*Back Cover: An MH-60S Seahawk with HSC-23 transports a pallet of supplies to USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) during a vertical replenishment with USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) in July 2010. (Photo by MC2 Eddie Harrison)*

# NAVAL AVIATION<sup>NEWS</sup>

FLAGSHIP PUBLICATION OF NAVAL AVIATION

*The U.S. Navy's Oldest Periodical, Established 1917*  
*Volume 94, No. 2*  
*Summer 2010*

## C o n t e n t s

### Features

- 12** **Special Section:** THE BIG ONE: Naval Aviation  
Brings Relief to Earthquake-Ravaged Haiti
- 18** The Year in Review 2009

### Departments

- 4** Flightline
- 6** Grampaw Pettibone
- 8** Airscoop
- 44** Professional Reading
- 46** People-Places-Planes

*This page: An F/A-18D Hornet assigned to VMFAT-101  
taxis to a catapult aboard the aircraft carrier USS  
Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during carrier qualifications.  
(Photo by Cpl. Justin Wainscott)*